Activities of MCC and PWG in Orissa

1091. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that activities of banned MCC and PWG outfits in the districts of Malakanagiri, Rayagada, Koraput and Gajapati districts of Orissa are going on unabated;

(b) whether the cash-strapped State of Orissa cannot raise sufficient para-military forces to combat this menace and the State has requested the Centre for help in the matter; and

(c) if so, the help rendered by the Centre in the matter specially to constitute Grey Hound battalions on the pattern of Andhra Pradesh to control these activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) The CPML-People's War continues to remain active in large tracts of Malkangiri, Gajapati, Rayagada and Koraput districts of South Orissa. During the Year (upto July 15), there were 27 incidents (3 deaths) in the State.

(b) and (c) Keeping in view the overall dimensions of left wing extremist activities in some States, a high level Coordition Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary, regularly reviews and coordinates steps taken by the States to check left extremist activities. Besides, the Central Government provides financial assistance, shares actionable intelligence and deploys CPMFs on a need basis to combat the problem of naxalism. Presently, 1 Battalion and 3 Coys of CRPF have been deployed in the State. The Central Government reimburses to the extent of 100% of initiate expenditure incurred by the States in raising of IR Battalion in combating naxalism under the scheme of Security Related Expenditure (SRE).

Proposal to form Southern Economic Zone

1092. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to form a Southern Economic Zone of four States alongwith Union Territory of Pondicherry; and

(b) if so, what is the agenda and scope of this economic zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Khosla Commission

†1093. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the recommendations of Khosla Commission with regard to Delhi Police and those recommendations which have not been implemented till date;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the Survey report conducted by an institute of psychiatrist "Nimhans" situated in Bangalore;

(c) if so, steps taken by Government till date to make personnel of Delhi Police tension free and the results thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to take some special steps keeping in view the deplorable condition of Police personnel; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) The Khosla Commission appointed by the Government in 1968 had made wide ranging recommendations covering various facets of the functioning of Delhi Police including housing, medical and educational facilities to its personnel; introduction of the Commissioner of Police System in Delhi; District Police Administration; placing the prosecution staff under the administrative control of Delhi Police; investigation of cases; supervision, recruitment and promotions; training and public relations. Most of these recommendations were accepted and implemented either fully or partially. The major recommendations which could not be implemented related to provision of family accommodations for all the police personnel; placement of prosecution staff under Delhi Police; amendment to the Indian Evidence Act; appointment of policemen on part-time basis; setting up of mobile courts to try the accused on the spot; legal impediments; Police Stations;

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